



- b. Personal transmission of instructions and guidance for the work of the FDGB to the chairman, Herbert Warnke, and to the other members of the secretariat.
- c. Supervision and approval (Zustimmung) of all basic reports, decisions, resolutions, and policy statements (Richtlinien) of the FDGB.
- d. Assignment to the FDGB Managing Directorate of activities, measures, and inquiries to be undertaken.
- e. Receiving a copy of every report or analysis prepared by individual departments of the FDGB Federal Directorate for the secretariat of the Federal Directorate and the SED Central Committee.
- f. Releasing, on behalf of the Russian Embassy, of orders to the individual branches (Fachabteilungen) of the FDGB Federal Directorate to prepare analyses, charts, and progress reports on specific areas of trade-union activity.
- g. Holding the leading functionaries of the FDGB Federal Directorate responsible for failures of the FDGB organization (Apparat).

The Russian Embassy possesses its own means of checking the information sent to it by the FDGB Federal Directorate. This is achieved through the medium of the embassy's own information service (Informationsapparat), which likewise is in contact with the FDGB Bezirk directorates. The embassy's predecessor, the Soviet Control Commission, blamed the FDGB Federal Directorate, especially before 17 June 1953, for the completely inadequate reporting and evaluation of the situation in East Germany. This criticism led to the institution of Kreis representatives (Kreisbeauftragte) and special agents (Landesvollmachtigte) of the secretariat, and other measures. At present at least the Russian Embassy is extremely skeptical of the validity of the reports and information collected by the FDGB Federal Directorate. The Russian Embassy, like the Soviet Control Commission before it, works primarily with statistical data and analyses, whose accuracy it checks with care. At the present moment it is studying the results of the trade-union elections.

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